

MARVEL

CABLE



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X **CABLE**

CONQUEST
CHAPTER FOUR

PULLED FROM HIS OWN ERA AND RAISED IN A FAR-FLUNG FUTURE, NATHAN SUMMERS HAS TRAVERSED TIME IN EFFORTS TO SAVE HUMAN AND MUTANT ALIKE. HE IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE.

PREVIOUSLY IN **CABLE...**

DETERMINED TO STOP CONQUEST, A TECHNOCRAT FROM THE FUTURE, FROM REASSEMBLING THE TIME SWORD, CABLE HAS PURSUED HIM ACROSS THE TIMESTREAM. HIS LATEST JUMP LANDED HIM IN POST-CLASSICAL SOUTH AMERICA WHERE A MAYAN PRIEST WAS ABLE TO HELP IDENTIFY AND PINPOINT THE LAST TWO PIECES OF THE TIME SWORD. HOPING TO BEAT CONQUEST TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE REMAINING PIECES, CABLE JUMPED FORWARD – AND STRAIGHT INTO CONQUEST'S TRAP...

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IT'S
THROUGH
HERE, MY LORD
CONQUEST.

THEN
LEAD ON,
RASPUTIN.

**THE WINTER PALACE,
ST. PETERSBURG.
DECEMBER 1906.**

AND I AM
SIMPLY **CONQUEST**.
SAVE "MY LORD" FOR
THE GOD YOU CLAIM
TO SERVE.

WELL, AT
LEAST LET ME
THANK YOU FOR THE
AMAZING WEAPONS
YOU'VE SUPPLIED. WITH
THEM I'VE WON THE
LOYALTY OF THE
COSSACKS...

...WHICH IN
TURN HELPS
CEMENT MY BOND
TO THE **TSAR**.

GRIGORI...

...I
DON'T
CARE.

FURTHERMORE,
I CAN TAKE AWAY
THE "CYBER-STEEDS"
AS EASILY AS I GAVE
THEM, SO IF YOU
WANT HAPPY
COSSACKS...

...SHOW
ME THE
RELIC.



THE TSAR'S
CHAMBER OF
WONDERS. FEW
HAVE SEEN
THIS PLACE.

AND ALL
I SEE ARE EGGS.
ARE WE IN A PALACE
OR A HENHOUSE?
I'M GETTING
IMPATIENT,
MONK.



NO,
OVER HERE.
BEHOLD...

...IS THIS
WHAT YOU
SEEK?

IT IS.

SO THIS
MARKS YOUR
END HERE?

NORMALLY...

"...BUT I'M OF A MIND TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME."

TWO DAYS LATER.

IT'S TIME WE TALKED, CABLE.

NO. IT'S TIME I TOOK YOU DOWN.



ERR. NO.

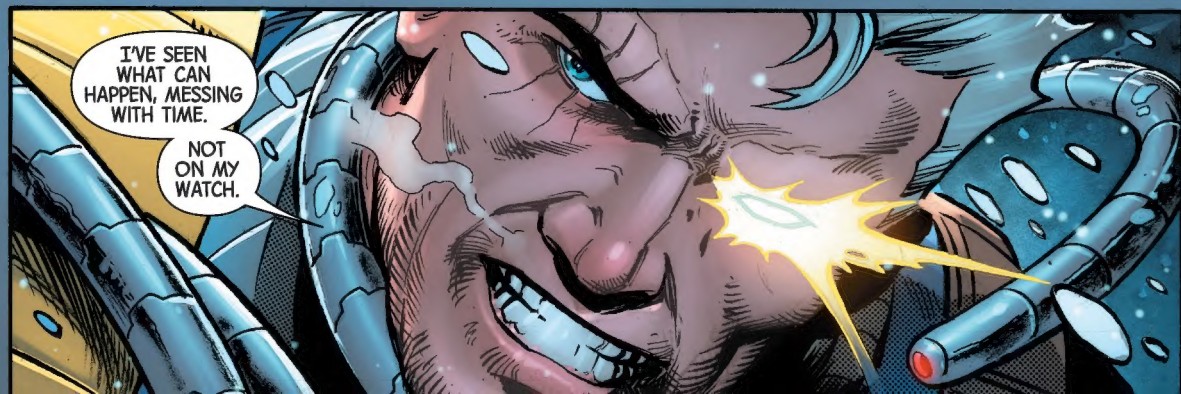
I WILL ADMIT I'M CURIOUS WHY YOU'RE EVEN HERE-- CHASING ME THROUGH TIME.

WHY DO YOU CARE WHAT I DO?



I'VE SEEN WHAT CAN HAPPEN, MESSING WITH TIME.

NOT ON MY WATCH.





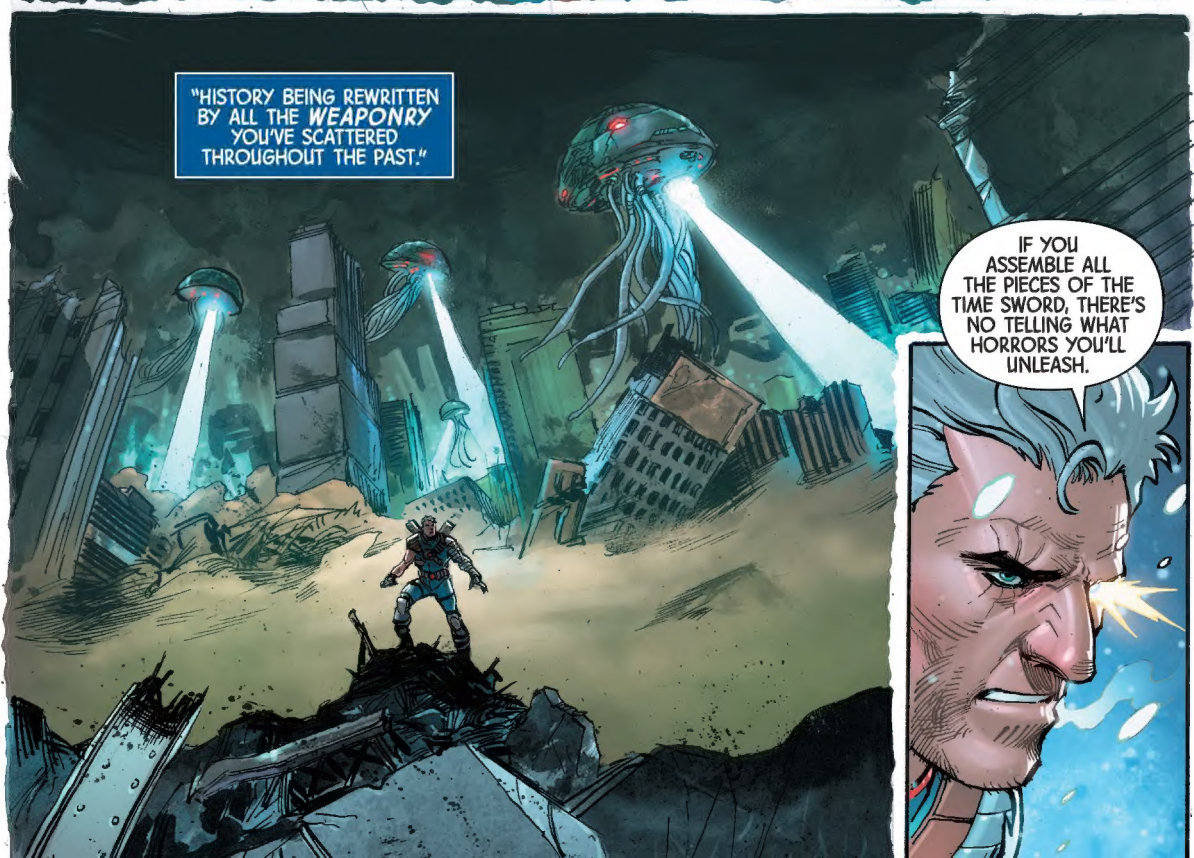
"NOT ON MY WATCH?"
THAT'S IT?

ALL RIGHT,
SO HOW DID
YOU EVEN FIND
OUT ABOUT
ME?

"ARE YOU
JOKING? REALITY'S
ALREADY A MESS
THANKS TO YOU."



"DID YOU
THINK I
WOULDN'T
NOTICE?"



"HISTORY BEING REWRITTEN
BY ALL THE **WEAPONRY**
YOU'VE SCATTERED
THROUGHOUT THE PAST."

IF YOU
ASSEMBLE ALL
THE PIECES OF THE
TIME SWORD, THERE'S
NO TELLING WHAT
HORRORS YOU'LL
UNLEASH.





LET ME GO.

BIG MAN, BRAVE MAN. RELEASE ME, WE'LL FIGHT-- MAN TO MAN--SEE WHICH OF US IS BIGGEST.



THAT CERTAINLY SOUNDS ENTERTAINING.

"BUT I CONQUERED MY EARTH'S REALITY AS MUCH WITH STRATEGY AND FORETHOUGHT AS I DID WITH BLOOD.

"CERTAINLY NOT BY LETTING MYSELF BE GOADED INTO COMBAT.

"AND WITH THE TIME SWORD SO CLOSE-- AND ALL THE OTHER WORLDS AND REALITIES I COULD CONQUER WITH IT--"



NO, IT'S ALL TOO CLOSE TO DO SOMETHING SO RASH.

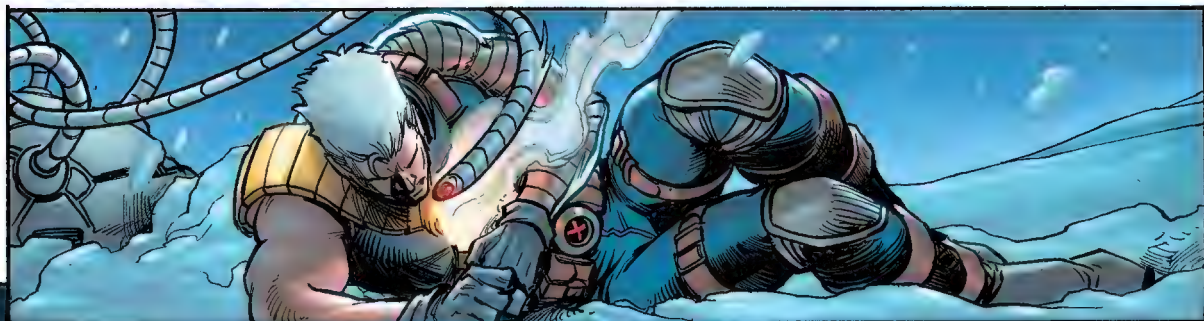
YOU'RE SIMPLY TOO BIG A RISK TO MY PLANS.



YOU DIE.

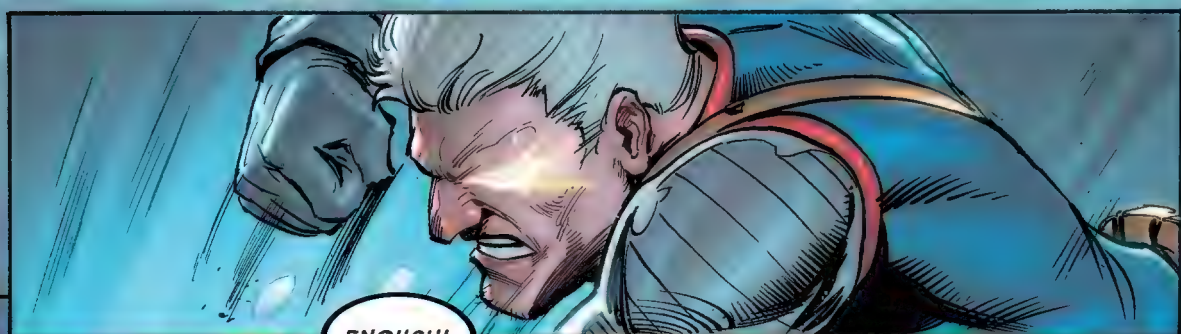
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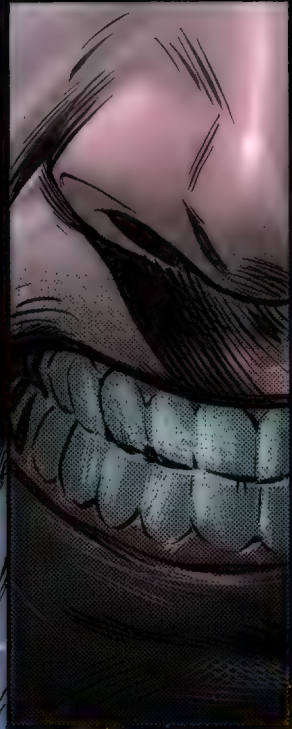
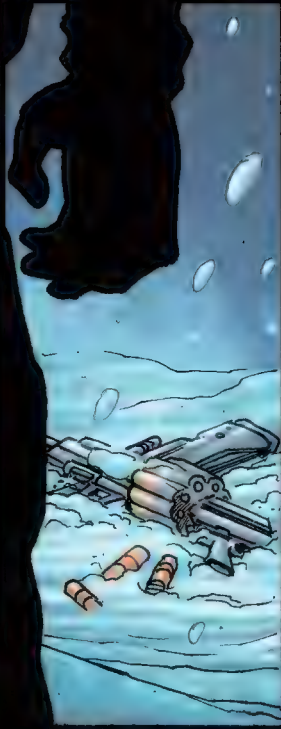


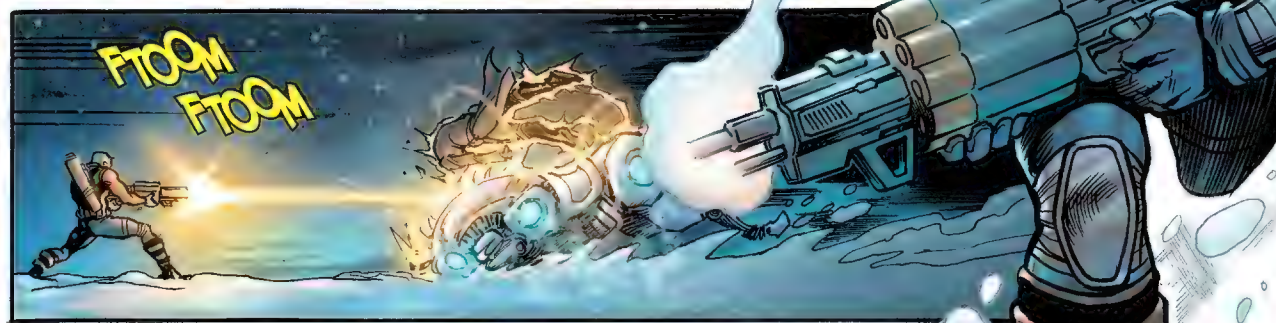
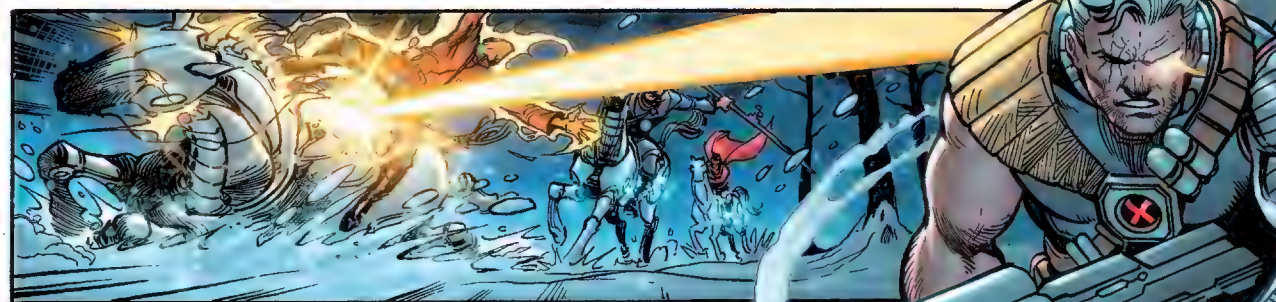
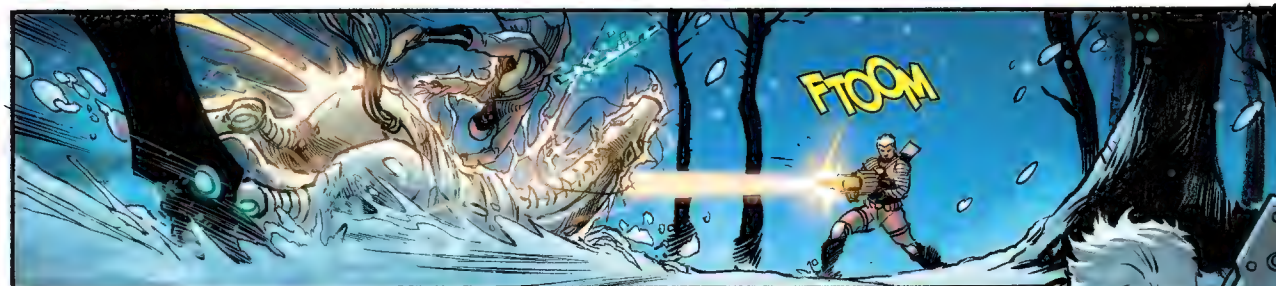
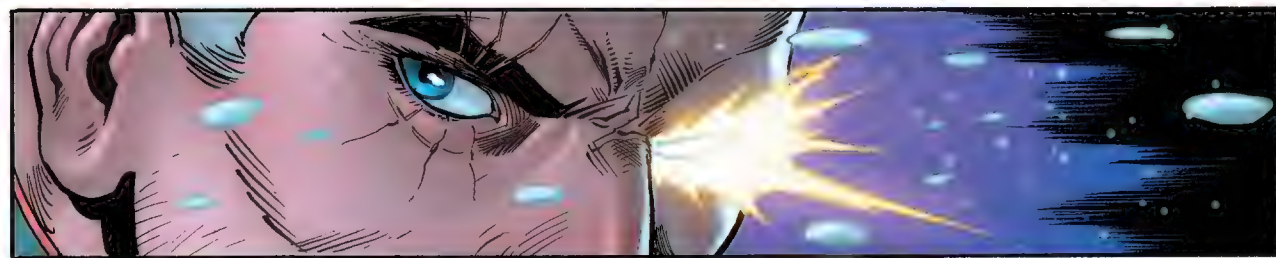
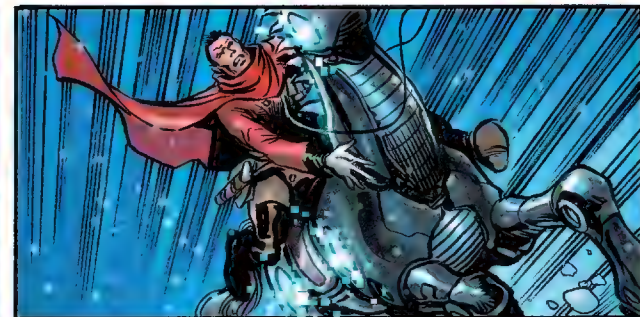
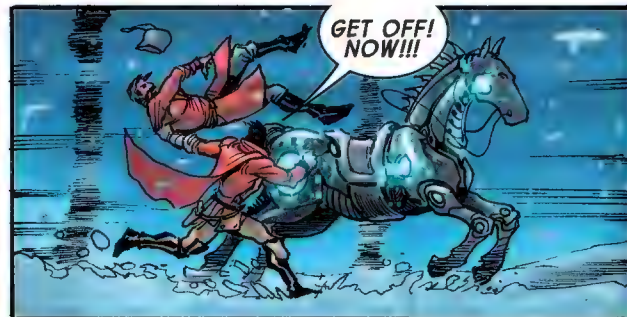
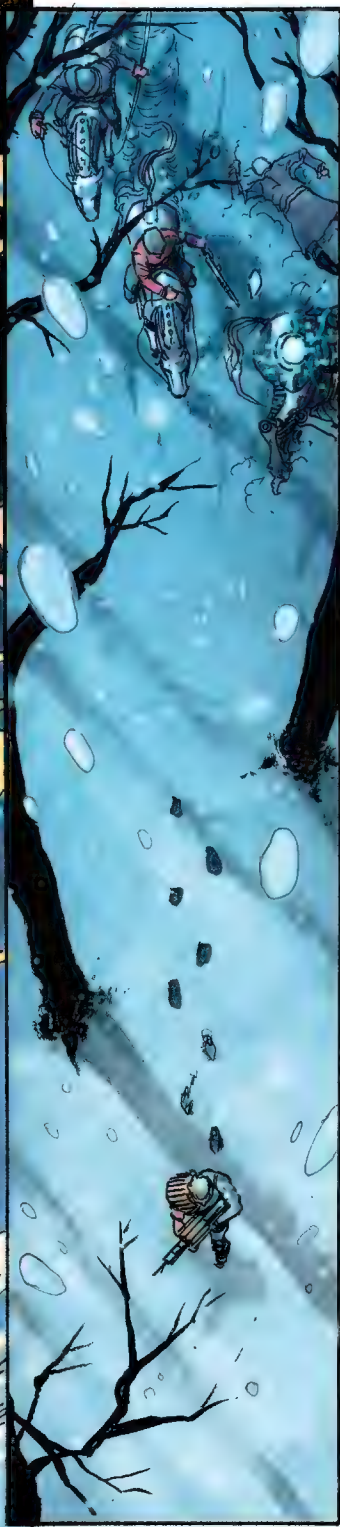
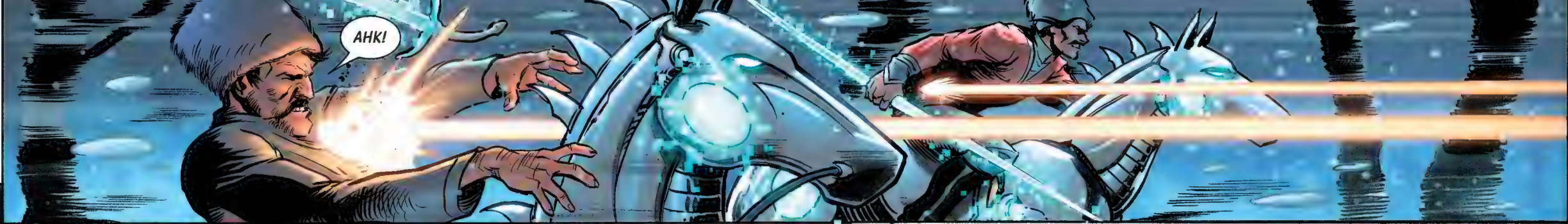


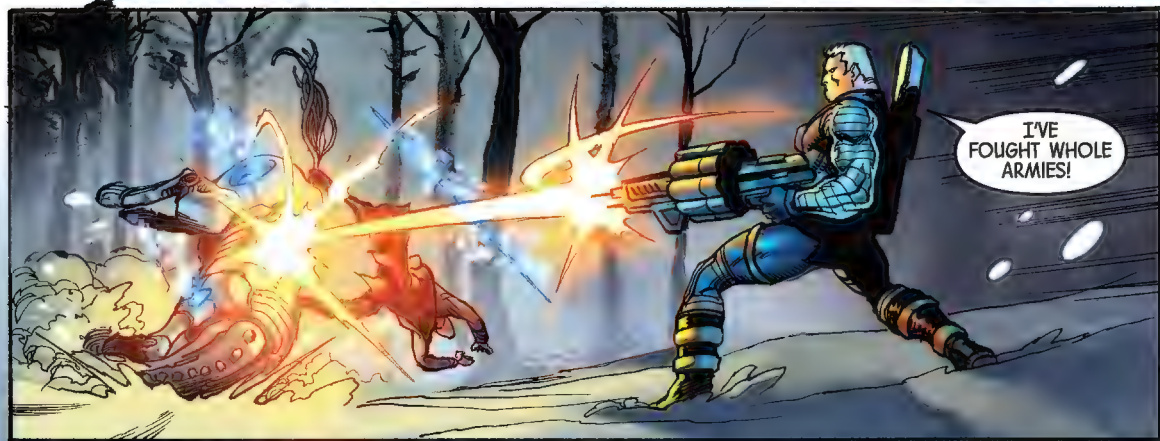
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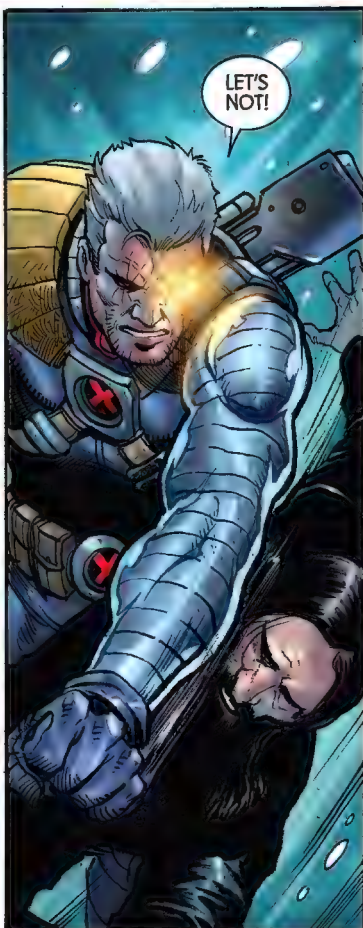


















YOU'RE
A MYSTERY,
CABLE, I'LL
GIVE YOU
THAT.

YEAH?



I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU
WERE EVEN PLANNING,
RUNNING HERE.

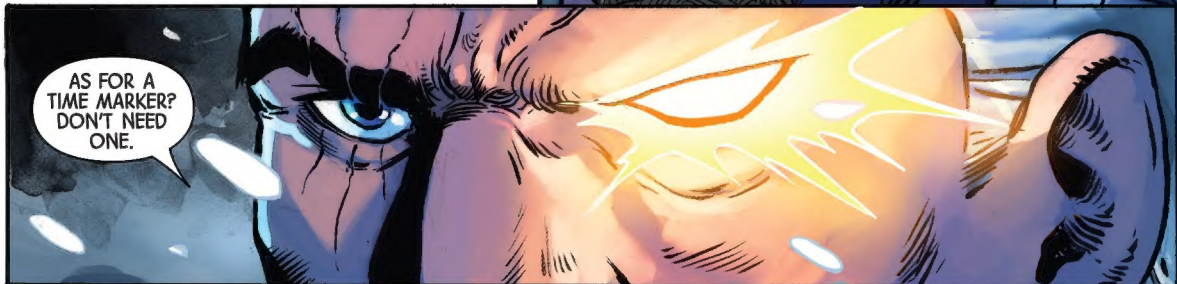
I HAVEN'T
LEFT A TIME MARKER
TO SHOW YOU WHERE
I WAS HEADED, SO
WHERE WERE YOU
GOING?



AND I
ALREADY HAVE
THIS PIECE OF
THE SWORD SO--



I WASN'T
RUNNING, I WAS
TESTING YOU--SEEING
WHAT KIND OF A
FIGHTER YOU
WERE.



AS FOR A
TIME MARKER?
DON'T NEED
ONE.



I ALREADY
KNOW WHERE
THE LAST PIECE OF
THE SWORD IS,
"CONQUEST"...

...NOW
YOU CHASE
ME.

WHAT
HAPPENED,
CONQUEST?

DON'T
ASK STUPID
QUESTIONS,
RASPUTIN...

...HE'S GONE,
OBVIOUSLY, YOU
DERANGED
IDIOT!

I MUST
ACT QUICKLY--
IF HE GETS THE
LAST PIECE OF THE
SWORD BEFORE
ME...

...IT WILL
ALL BE FOR
NOTHING!

CONQUEST
WILL COME.

LET HIM.

I MAY NOT BE
ABLE TO DICTATE THE
TERMS OF BATTLE...

...BUT I
CAN DECIDE THE
BATTLEGROUND.



NEXT: WAR!

HOUSE OF X

At any given day while walking down the HALLS OF X, I can't help but be amazed at all the uncanny stories our characters have been through. The sheer amount of imagination that's fueled epic missions, shocking demises, unexpected returns, tragic romances, jaw-dropping betrayals and acts of inspiring, selfless heroism is enough to power a small sun. As a reader I could hardly wait for the next issue. I'd scour the pages over and over for any hint or sign as to what might be in store for our misfortunate and misunderstood mutant heroes. I loved it when a writer, artist or editor would drop a subtle clue and get my speculative juices flowing.

In the past week I've walked down the Halls of X with some extremely imaginative storytellers. A few days ago, Greg Pak and Fred Van Lente came in to plan a special arc in WEAPON X. The next day Charles Soule came in to map out some amazing twists and turns coming in ASTONISHING X-MEN. About 24 hours ago, I met with a writer (who must remain anonymous) about some huge plans we have for the end of the year.

And, dear reader, I can't help but want to tell you about these incredible plans! I can, after all, appreciate a good near-spoiler. But, alas, since I've taken an oath of secrecy I can only do my second favorite thing to editing X-Men comics and that's... to give you clues as to what's coming up in X-Men comics! For some arbitrary reason, let's do five:

Red!

Switch!

Mother!

Negative!

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